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Please admit bearer
to my lecture on
Electric Light.

Joseph W Swan

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Sir J. Swann

SOUTH VIEW
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Aug. 27th 96

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it would be a very great
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be of assistance to you in
connection with the choice of
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portance & at the same time
the difficulty of the question

very keenly, having before me
the necessity to promptly answering
it in the case of two of my
sons, who have just left Rugby.
I therefore fully sympathise with
you & will help you if I can.
I do not think that the taste
of your son for electrical studies
— or rather for electrical experiments
ought to be very much regarded;
I do not say it should be
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taking a taste for that subject
for special aptitude & ability
to excel in a professional career
of the kind in view.

Boys often like to dabble in
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the phenomena are very attractive
& not for any other reason. I
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saying this I intend no more
than to throw out a danger
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whatever is necessary to make a good electrical engineer. I think perhaps the best way to find out how I can help you, will be for me to see your Son. We are returning home towards the end of Septr any Thursday afternoon after the 7th of October, if you would bring him to 58 Holland Park I could meet you & him & we could discuss the matter

Very truly yours
D. W. Dunsan

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an example of
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glad to acknowledge
it & pay the postage
too. I am

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J. C. Green Esqre

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June 24/97

58, Holland Park.
W.

Dear Mrs Thompson

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you much for
sending me
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interesting old
book –

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you directed my
attention —

What beautiful
careful explaining!
It is
most interesting.
I wish I could
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the book.

Very truly yours
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